

Dear Certified Organic Producer:

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Foods (NHDAMF) has entered into a cooperative agreement with the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to implement the ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST SHARE PROGRAMS. Through this program, producers are eligible to receive up to 75% of their certification costs from the USDA (not to exceed \$750). Certification costs may include: certification & inspection fees, residue testing, and/or soil tests, and fees paid for copying required documentation used to determine NOP compliance.

For more information on the cost-share program, visit our organic program's website: http://agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/markets/organic certification.htm

To apply for cost-share funds, you must have been certified between **October 1, 2011** and September 30, 2012. You must submit to NHDAMF a completed NHDAMF Cost-Share Application Form, an alternative W-9 form, and copies of receipts, cancelled checks, and etc. to show proof of payment. (Fees paid for postage and hourly wages ARE NOT reimbursable). Qualification for these funds is dependent upon successful renewal of organic certification status for the 2012 production year. Electronic versions of these forms are also available on our website.*

Submit completed forms to:

Organic Cost-Share Program Division of Regulatory Services PO Box 2042 Concord, NH 03302-2042

Forms may also be faxed to (603) 271-1109 or emailed to registrations@agr.nh.gov.

If you have any questions please contact the Division of Regulatory Services at 271-3685, or email victoria.smith@agr.nh.gov.

^{*} Please note: your ability to save any forms that are filled in on our website and to alter forms that have been saved is dependent on the software on your home computer. If you fill in a form on the website prior to printing it, your printed form will show any changes you have made. Further questions regarding the website may be directed to registrations@agr.nh.gov.